

SECTION NO. 4.35 – CENTRAL SAN DIEGO BAY ANCHORING, MOORING AND AQUATIC ACTIVITIES REGULATED

(a) Purpose

California law (San Diego Unified Port District Act, Harbors and Navigation Code, Appendix I, Sections 55 and 56) requires the Board of Port Commissioners to regulate and control the anchoring, mooring, towing and docking of vessels, and to make and enforce all necessary rules and regulations governing the use and control of navigable waters within the District. The purpose of this section of the San Diego Unified Port District Code is to implement that responsibility within Central San Diego Bay.

Duly published regulations and restrictions promulgated by competent State or Federal authority shall be paramount in the event of conflict with provisions of this Code.

(b) Definitions

1. “Central San Diego Bay” – That part of San Diego Bay lying northerly of South San Diego Bay, as defined in this Code, and southerly of a line drawn westerly from the South Embarcadero Marina Park fishing pier to the easterly most point of North Island Naval Station in Latitude 32° 42' 10" N.

The majority of Central San Diego Bay has been deepened by dredging to a depth of Ten (10) Feet or more at low tide.

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- 2. “Glorietta Bay” – That portion of Central San Diego Bay lying westward of Longitude 117° 10' W.
- 3. “Glorietta Bay Channel” – That channel connecting the northwesterly extreme of Glorietta Bay with the Main Ship Channel at Coronado Bridge Piling No. 15.
- 4. “Bay Bridge Roadstead” – That part of Central San Diego Bay bounded on the south by a line parallel to and 250 Feet north of the Coronado Bridge, on the northeast by the Main Ship Channel, on the west by the shoreline of Coronado, and on the north by Latitude 32° 41' 30" N.
- 5. “Anchorage A-5” – The Glorietta Bay Anchorage as defined and regulated by Section 4.38 of this Code.
- 6. “Anchorage A-8” – The Sweetwater Anchorage as defined and regulated by Section 4.36 of this Code.

(c) Regulations

- 1. Central San Diego Bay, Anchoring Prohibited Central San Diego Bay, south of the Glorietta Bay Channel, with the exception of military security and restricted areas, marked with channels and designated anchorages, is reserved for aquatic sports activities and regattas.

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Anchoring or mooring in Central San Diego Bay, except in anchorage areas designated in Section 4.35(b)4, and 4.35(b)5 of this Code, is prohibited and unlawful.

2. Authorization to anchor in Central San Diego Bay outside designated anchorage areas for limited periods of not more than Seventy Two (72) Hours may be obtained by application to the Office of the Chief of San Diego Harbor Police.
3. It shall be unlawful for any vessel under way in Glorietta Bay, and Bay Bridge Mooring Area and Central San Diego Bay Anchorage, as defined in this Code, to be operated at a speed in excess of Five (5) Miles Per Hour.
4. It shall be unlawful to anchor, moor, make fast to the bottom, strand, or ground any vessel or structure or to be in control or possession of or to operate any vessel or structure which is anchored, moored, made fast to the bottom, stranded or grounded within Central San Diego Bay, except anchoring and mooring as permitted in the anchorage and moorage areas designated in Sections 4.35(b)4, 4.35(b)5 and 4.35(b)6 of this Code.
5. Watercraft engaged in public works projects, patrol, derelict removal, geological or environmental survey, or other work permitted by competent local, State or Federal authority shall be

exempt from this restriction during the course of such work. This Section shall not apply to vessels engaged in fishing during daylight hours.

- (d) Penalty
 - 1. Any person who violates any provision of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
 - 2. Any vessel anchored in violation of any provision of this Section shall be subject to removal and storage by any Harbor Police Officer pursuant to Section 8.25(a) of this Code. The registered and/or legal owner of the vessel may be liable for all costs related to the removal and storage of any vessel removed and stored pursuant to this Section.

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